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**PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1440.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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